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SUBJ: UNCTAD: DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION
PROPOSED US GSP SYSTEM

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GROUP OF 77 DRAFT RESOLUTION
RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSED US GSP SYSTEM.

QUOTE

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES

CONSIDERING THAT:

(I) THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
WERE AGREED SIX YEARS AGO IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 21(II).

(II) THE MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES WERE AGREED FOUR YEARS AGO IN THE AGREED
CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEV-
ELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION.

(III) THE PREFERENCE-GIVING COUNTRIES HAD AFFIRMED THEIR
DETERMINATION, BOTH IN THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS REFERRED TO
ABOVE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND
DEVELOPMENT DECADE, "TO SEEK AS RAPIDLY AS

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POSSIBLE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER

SANCTION WITH THE AIRM OF IMPLEMENTING THE
PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1971".

(IV) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
BEGAN THREE YEARS AGO AND ALL PREFERENCE GIVING COUNTRIES,
EXCEPT CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAVE BEGUN
TO IMPLEMENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHEMES DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY
1971 TO 1 APRIL 1972.

NOTING, WITH SATISFACTION, THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA TO IMPLEMENT ITS SCHEME UNDER THE GSP WITH
EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 1974.

RECALLING

(I) UNCTAD RESOLUTION 77(III) OF 19 MAY 1972 IN WHICH THE
CONFERENCE URGED THOSE PROSPECTIVE PREFERENCE-GIVING COUNTRIES
WHICH HAD NOT YET SOUGHT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO DO
SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING THEIR
SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES IN 1972 OR EARLY 1973.

(II) RESOLUTION I(V) OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES IN
WHICH THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN WHICH THAT DELEGATION INDICATED THAT
THE ADMINISTRATION ON 10 APRIL 1973, HAD INCLUDED IN ITS TRADE
BILL A REQUEST TO THE CONGRESS FOR AUTHORITY TO GRANT PREFERENCES
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE APPRO-
PRIATE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE
AND THAT THE SCHEME WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED THEREAFTER.

(III) THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ADOPTED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION WHICH
CALLS FOR THE "FULFILMENT OF RELEVANT COMMITMENTS ALREADY
UNDERTAKEN IN UNCTAD AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY",
"FOR THE AMELIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND CONCRETE STEPS TO ELIMINATE CHRONIC TRADE DEFICITS OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, IMPROVEMENT
AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES".

RECALLING FURTHER THE PROVISION, EMBODIED IN THE
AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AND REITERATED IN
THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, THAT
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OR WILL BE SHARING
THEIR EXISTING TARIFF ADVANTAGES IN SOME DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES SHOULD, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, BE GRANTED
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NEW OPENINGS IN THE MARKETS OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
CONSIDERING THE URGENT NEED FOR MAKING THE GSP FULLY
OPERATIONAL THROUGH ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL PREFERENCE
GIVING COUNTRIES AND EFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE SCHEME ALREADY IN OPERATION PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF THE POSSIBLE EROSION OF ITS BENEFITS DUE TO THE EN-
LARGEMENT OF PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS AMONG DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES AND MFN TARIFF CUTS FOLLOWING THE MULTILATERAL

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT THE CONTINUED DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOT ONLY SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITS THE SCOPE OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AS A WHOLE BUT ALSO INHIBITS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SCHEMES OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN A DYNAMIC CONTENT. STRESSING THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATION SET OUT ABOVE. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUESTS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO EXTEND FURTHER SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, BY IMPLEMENTING, AT AN EARLY DATE, ITS SCHEME UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

2. REITERATES ITS STRONG APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS IN ORDER TO REMOVE ALL DISCRIMINATORY AND RESTRICTIVE ASPECTS OF ITS PROPOSED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES, AND NOT TO PRECLUDE ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY FROM TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHEME. UNQUOTE

2. USDEL CONSIDERS MANY PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN PEJORATIVE LANGUAGE AND HAS DIFFICULTY WITH BOTH OPERATIVE PARAS, PARTICULARLY PARA 2. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED USDEL PLANS TAKE POSITION WE NOT PREPARED ACCEPT TEXT REGARDING PROPOSED US GSP WHICH GOES BEYOND RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF US SCHEME AND EXPRESSION OF HOPE BILL'S EARLY ENACTMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION SOON THEREAFTER.

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